

Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception! We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office or stop by any time.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Wednesday 8am
Thursday 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 pm (except first Thursday of month-no Adoration)
First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



March 3
March 17
March 31



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

MOM'S MINISTRY

A POWERFUL TOOL FOR EVANGELIZATION!

We all know how important moms are in passing on the Catholic faith to children. Learn what parishes are doing to serve the formational and pastoral needs of mothers, especially those early years of child-raising.

Join us to hear great, practical wisdom, good ideas and success stories from a panel of local parish leaders and leave this practical session prepared to develop or enhance ministry with moms in your parish.

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

12:45PM-3PM Blanchette Catholic Center

16555 Weber Road

Crest Hill, IL

To Register, please contact the REO at kwojnarowski@dioceseofjoliet.org

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT...Men Meeting Jesus

An invitation from Fr. Sunny Castillo & Fr. Burke Masters
To ALL men of the Diocese

Thursday, February 23 6:30PM-9PM

St. Martin of Tours Parish Faith Formation Center

953 S. 9th Ave,

Kankakee, IL

"Calling on Christ to overcome temptation" Evening includes: Adoration of Jesus Christ, Confession, Man-Feast and Fellowship, Raffle and Discussion

Fishers of Men...equipping men for battle in faith www.fishersofmenonline.com

HELP NEEDED IN OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

If there is anyone interested in helping out with light cleaning, weekly grocery shopping and occasional transportation to chemotherapy treatments for a family in our Catholic Community, please contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org or (217)784-4671. This does not have to be just one person for all areas. They are willing to pay for your time, they just need the help. Let us know if you are called to help with these needs.



Tune in to Catholic Spirit Radio at 89.5FM or 92.5 FM or stream at catholicspiritradiocom. You can also see the listing of radio programs at this same address. Tune into "THE SPIRIT" where you can be reminded of the details of our faith, find answers to religious questions and be inspired in your daily lives!

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Bruce Killian

Music Director
If interested contact
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**Parish Council
President**
Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.
Mass intentions are \$10.

MON February 20	8:00AM	Molck Family
TUE February 21	8:00AM	+Margaret Rock St. Peter Damian
WED February 22	8:00AM	Priest Intentions The Chair of Saint Peter
THU February 23	5:30PM	Perkins Family Raney Family St. Polycarp
FRI February 24	8:00AM	+Noble Hutchcraft
SAT February 25	5:00PM (OLL)	+Robert Benefiel, Jr.
SUN February 26	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2193.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$83.00
Feb. Total	\$132.00
Yr to Date FP	\$617.95

Sunday Total	\$205.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals!
OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2017 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, February 25 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Jerry Brown	Bob Bode John Carlson	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, February 26 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	YOUTH MASS	Paul Sarantakos	YOUTH MASS	

The first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 .

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

PLEASE REFLECT ON GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU! YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

This week, you are asked to review the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report that you received with your bulletin today. The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over 10 months to support the good works of the Diocese.

A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our Diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you take the time to review the Opening Report and see all the work enabled by the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. We are all "Held in God's Hands" and he has given you all that you have. We can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who have not received the mailing, we will conduct our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend process at all Masses next weekend.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$13,255 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$913 for Immaculate Conception, 70% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

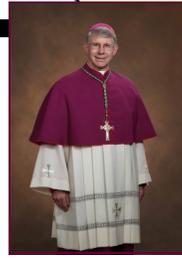


The Word From Bishop Conlon

Re: Illinois House Bill 40

February 13, 2017

Brothers and Sisters,



One of the noblest forms of witness that we Catholics give in our contemporary society is to stand up for the dignity of human beings as children of God. We feel a special commitment to the most vulnerable and the most innocent of all: children in the womb.

Of course, unborn children depend primarily upon the care of their mothers. But legal protection is also important, something that has been lacking in the United States for over forty-four years.

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois legislature—House Bill 40—which has two destructive purposes:

- (1) to thwart any future decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse or limit Roe vs. Wade; and
- (2) to allow for the use of public money to fund the taking of innocent human lives through abortion in the state's Medicaid and health insurance programs.

It is essential that people who believe in the protection of human life in the womb contact their proper state legislators and express their **opposition** to House Bill 40. You can find your state legislators by visiting www.ilcatholic.org and clicking on 'Find Your Legislator' or by calling the Catholic Conference at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200 and asking for help.

For additional thoughts on HB40, I invite you to read my op-ed which appeared in papers throughout the diocese at <http://tinyurl.com/h8ssy32>.

Thank you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet



PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, February 21

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, February 22

- Staff Mtg 6P

Friday February 24

- ALL PARISH PAINT PARTY

Saturday, February 25

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, February 26

- YOUTH MASS



Nathan Giroux (2/21)
Kate McCall (2/22)
Megan Volker (2/22)
Ryen Miller (2/24)
Audrey Killian (2/25)
Stanley Davis (2/26)
Diane Perkins (2/26)



Vince & Paula Cyphert (2/20)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound



Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Jesse Cervelli
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Retired and semi-retired folks are invited to meet at American Lutheran Church (905 East First Street) in Gibson City for Coffee and Conversation on **Tuesday, February 21 from 9AM-10AM.**

Our Guest Speaker will be Kelsey Montoya, The Gibson Area Hospital Foundation Director of Development. Kelsey will talk about current services offered to Gibson City and the surrounding communities, plans for the future, and how we can make a difference in the future of the hospital's healthcare services. Join us for an engaging and informal discussion.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**Monday, February 20
12PM-5:30PM**

First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
401 N. Church Street
Gibson City

To schedule an appointment call Sharon at 217-249-8103
Sponsored by GAH

MENTAL HEALTH free FIRST AID TRAINING

This training is for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.



**February 23 8AM-12:30PM
February 24 8AM-12:30PM
209 E 8th Street**

To register contact Eileen Woolums at 217-784-4093
Or Eileen_woolums@gibsonhospital.org

The family of Loretta Bode would like to thank our Parish Family for their generous support and the beautiful luncheon during our time of loss. 
God Bless all of you!

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Is it ever OK to use "God" and "damn" together?

When we pray "hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to "take the name of the Lord...in vain" (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, "we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so..." (James 3:9-10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what's the harm?

"A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use," wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God's name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18: 21).

Monday

February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

February 22

Chair of St. Peter,

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Thursday

February 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

February 26

*Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 49:14-15

1 Cor 4:1-5

Mt 6:24-34

Good News!

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18. 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart? How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC